

accompanied by members of the Cabinet and a portion of the White House staff, and had taken up his quarters in the President's room, prepared to sign bills that were passed in the closing hours of the session. He was not, however, able to reach the White House for signature, and to have a last chat with Senators and others who might call upon him.

From the time the President ascended the bronze staircase until he went out to his carriage to drive back to his temporary home, on Lafayette Square, he was in the exhibition of democratic simplicity that could have been possible nowhere else than in the Capitol of the United States. It was a unique manifestation, even in Washington, and could not have occurred had any one other than Theodore Roosevelt been President of the United States.

It was a mild shock to some of the sticklers for old-style dignity and the observance of time-worn traditions and precedents and customs.

It was most refreshing, pleasing and even amusing to the great majority of all those who had the good fortune to see or take part in it.

When the President first entered the Senate he walked easily into his old headquarters, the Vice President's chamber, which he had occupied officially for a few days in the spring of 1901, when he presided over the deliberations of the Senate at the close of the session.

He suggested to him to step and hold court there. But the President said "No," and his portable establishment was set up in the somewhat makeshift room at the other end of the corridor.

Secretary Cortelyou and the clerks arranged the books and papers and the Charles Leffler stove, which stood as just as if the President was at the White House instead of at the Capitol. Then Mr. Roosevelt came down the corridor and his way to the President's room performed an act so characteristic of him as to be a matter of consuming interest, although of no special importance.

In passing by the swinging glass doors leading from the corridor into the Senate chamber he could not resist the temptation to see what was going on.

He pushed the doors apart and "peeked" in, and then, on being caught, hurried off laughing to the President's room.

There the scene was enacted that will live long in the memory of those who saw it and which furnished the striking illustration of the fact that democracy and catholicity of feeling reign at Washington today as they never have before.

The President had not yet seated himself when his callers began to arrive. For a few moments there was a show of formality and then it was all thrown to the winds, and for more than an hour that room, which had been so hastily converted into the office of the President of the United States was the rendezvous for everybody about the Capitol who cared to call.

Senators, Representatives, clerks, messengers, pages, newspaper reporters and even children sought and gained admittance, and remained until the finishing touches added in such dramatic fashion to the long and important legislative session about the Senate and the President.

The President greeted everybody in that hearty, offhand manner so peculiar to him, laughed and chatted and grew serious in turn, working, talking and listening until everybody caught the contagion and a sort of subdued jubilation went on.

When he signed the Philippine Civil Government bill, Mr. Roosevelt handed the pen to his clerk, Senator Lodge, the Chairman of the Philippine Committee, as a memento of the occasion.

Only once did the President remain for more than a minute at a time. This was when the joint committee of Senators and Representatives came to announce that the President had signed the bill.

The President's face glowed with a smile as he listened to Mr. Allison's perfunctory but pretty little speech, but at its conclusion an instant change took place. He grasped the Senator's hand and, with the hand and without referring in any way to the business which had brought them together, expressed the cordial hope that they would have a happy vacation.

In one corner of the room there had been placed a large bowl of lemonade and several boxes of fruit. All who called in to help themselves, and nobody's dignity seemed to be offended by the unceremonial symposium that had been held.

During it all Attorney-General Knox, who had never before seen a President of the United States at the Capitol, and Secretary Hay, who had been with more than one, sat on a sofa, talking and listening to the rapidly moving drama.

It was all new to Mr. Knox and therefore he had no comparison to make. Secretary Hay's mind must have been carried back to those days when he was the private secretary of Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, and when the fun and feasts and formal ceremonies were as little appreciated by the Chief Magistrate of the nation as they are to-day.

## TONGUE-LASHING BY SPOONER.

Quells a Renewed Outbreak of the Philippine Debate.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The Senate met at 11 A. M. to-day, having four hours left for the closing up of the business of the first session of the Fifty-seventh Congress.

The conference report on the Philippine Deficiency bill was presented and agreed to.

The conference report on the bill for a Civil Government in the Philippine Islands was presented and read in full.

Mr. Lodge moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Culberson (Dem., Tex.), the minority member of the Senate conference, said that he had declined to sign the conference report, and he could not conscientiously vote for it.

Mr. Patterson (Dem., Cal.), a minority member of the Philippine Commission, said that he had examined the conference, or compromise, bill enough to be quite convinced that every change made in the Senate bill by the conference committee had made the bill worse rather than better.

The remarks of Mr. Patterson were suspended so as not to interfere with the report on the Naval Appropriation bill.

Mr. Patterson, in the course of his speech, laid much stress upon the testimony of Admiral Dewey as to the agreement between himself and the Spanish Governor General to surrender Manila to the navy and as to Gen. Merritt having been fully informed of that fact, while in fact there was an attack made on the city by land troops under officers who had been told nothing of this agreement to surrender. He submitted that those facts called for a court-martial or a board of inquiry.

The motion was then put on the question of adopting the conference report.

"Those in favor of the motion say 'Aye,'" said Senator Frye, the presiding officer.

"Aye," said Senator Lodge, chairman of the Philippine Commission, in charge of the bill.

"Those opposed will say 'No,'" said Mr. Frye.

"No," said Carmack and Patterson.

The ayes have it," announced Mr. Frye, and the bill was passed.

A resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Carmack (Dem., Tenn.), instructing the Philippine Commission to sit during the recess of Congress for the purpose of prosecuting their investigation and authorizing the committee to retain the highest salaries taken up, and Mr. Ross (Rep., N. J.) moved its reference to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Carmack urged the adoption of his resolution, declaring that thus far there had been no real investigation of the subject by the Philippine Commission, but that it had been closed and stratified.

Mr. Spooner remarked that the resolution had been already acted upon, having been referred to the committee on Contingent Expenses. As to Mr. Carmack's assertion that the investigation had been a farce, Mr. Spooner said

that when it made an attack on the army in the Philippines, it had done so in a farce, but a very cruel and wicked farce.

His remarks were interrupted to allow the joint resolution for the closing of the session at 5:30 to be laid before the Senate. The joint resolution was agreed to, and then the usual resolution for a committee of two Senators to join a similar committee on the part of the House to wait upon the President and inform him that the two Houses are ready to adjourn.

The discussion went on, and in the course of it, Mr. Spooner, in exciting language, denounced the action of the minority members of the Philippine Commission, declaring that it was their fault if the investigation had been a farce. The American people, he declared, loved the man who, under the flag, in distant fields, dared to die for them regardless of the cause in which they fought, or of differences as to the justice of their cause.

Mr. Spooner referred to the fact that the minority members when asked the question of the propriety of certain matters brought before the committee, had taken refuge behind the assertion that it was a matter of information, and that it was not a matter of opinion.

"That," he declared, "has been one trouble with all this business from the beginning of it. The spring, the poison spring, of the action of the minority members has been a hidden and a mysterious spring not to be found by those who, attacked, had a right to know where it was located."

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